(b) The following power/transmission projects of Madhya Pradesh are, inter alia, awaiting environmental and forest clearance:—

1. Sanjay Gandhi TPS Extn. (1x500 MW)
2. Rajgarh TPS (2x500 MW)
3. Marhikheda HE Project (2x20 MW (MW 02x1
4. Omkaroshwar Multipurpose Project (8x65 MW)
5. Gandhisagar Power House II H.E. Project (4x40 MW)
6. Bodghat (Indira Sarovar) (4x125 MW)
7. Hasdeo Bango (3x40 MW)
8. Bansagar-I to Bansagar-II (REWA) D/C 220 KV
9. Vindhyachal-Bina S/C 800-KV VSTPP St. II
10. Korba-Bhilai S/C 400 KV 4th Ckt. VSTPP St. II
11. Itarsi-Dhule 400 KV D/C VSTPP St. I (Addl. system)
12. Bina-Malanpur 400 KV D/C.

(c) and (d) No power project of Madhya Pradesh is pending for approval of the Planning Commission or awaiting sanction of funds. As to the State sector projects mentioned at (b) they would be submitted to the Planning Commission only after necessary clearances including Environmental & Forests clearances are obtained. Likewise Central Sector projects will be submitted for investment approval after the requisite clearances are taken.

Setting up of a study group for promotion of Tourist Centres in Eastern State

*117. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans under Government's consideration to promote some major tourist centres in Eastern States;

(b) by when some of the projects are likely to be taken up;

(c) whether Government have set up any Study Group for this purpose; and

(d) if so, what are its achievements?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Development of tourist centres in Eastern States is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, the centre extends financial assistance to the States on project to project basis. Sanction of funds to augment tourist facilities is a continuous process and as such no specific time limit could be indicated.

(c) The Government of India has setup Task Force I and II for Buddhist centres which includes centres in Bihar, Orissa and Sikkim in the Eastern region.

(d) Task Force-I has recommended certain action points to be taken up jointly by the Government of Bihar and Government of India. The OECF of Japan has approved loan assistance amounting to Japanese Yen 3314 million for projects related to buddhist centres in Bihar.

Appointment of a Chief Commissioner for NRIs

*118. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Central Budget, 1991-92, a reference was made regarding appointment of a Chief Commissioner for the NRIs;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government in this direction;

(c) If so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) If the answer to part (b) above be in negative, the reasons therefor?